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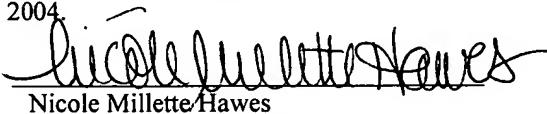
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Applicant: Sharlene Adams et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows, prior to calculation of the fees.

Applicants are a small entity and herewith assert small entity status.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this amendment.